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Application Number	10/762,746
Filing Date	January 22, 2004
First Named Inventor	R.C. Meier
Art Unit	2635
Examiner Name	B.A. Zimmerman
Attorney Docket Number	14220US02

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iv. ☐ Other _____

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. ☐ Other _____

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FEE CALCULATION							
1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES							
	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES							
Fee Description							
Each claim over 20, or for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent							50
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent							200
Multiple dependent claims							360
							180
Total Claims <u>20 or HP</u> Extra Claims <u> </u> Fee (\$) <u> </u> Fee Paid (\$) <u> </u>							
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4. OTHER FEE(S)							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)							
Other: <u>Request for Continued Examination</u>					790		
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